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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S STATE VISIT TO U.S.

REF: MONROVIA 3375

1. PRESIDENT TOLBERT NOW INDICATES PREFERRED RPT PREFERRED
DATES AND SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS FOR HIS STATE VISIT:

SEPT. 21 ARRIVES IN U.S. AND SPENDS NIGHT NEAR WASHINGTON

SEPT. 22-23 OFFICIAL DAYS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

SEPT. 24-25 OKLAHOMA

SEPT. 26 POSSIBLY IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

SEPT. 27 WASHINGTON, D.C. SMITHSONIAN EVENT.

SEPT. 28 PRIVATE VISIT TO BEGIN.

SEPT. 29 NEW YORK, POSSIBLY TO ADDRESS UNITED NATIONS.

2. S. DILLON RIPLEY, SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
HAS INVITED PRESIDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE
THE U.S. AND THE WORLD TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 26 TO OCTOBER 1.
RIPLEY HAS INVITED TOLBERT TO BRING GREETINGS TO THE CONFERENCE
FROM LIBERIA ON SEPTEMBER 27. GOL INDICATES THAT TOLBERT
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ATTEND EVENT. SCHEDULE PARAGRAPH
1 IS CONSIDERED FLEXIBLE BUT FINAL PLAN SHOULD TRY TO
INCORPORATE SMITHSONIAN EVENT. REQUEST ANY INFO DEPARTMENT CAN
DEVELOP ON LIKELY TIME FOR TOLBERT GREETING TO CONFERENCE ON
SEPTEMBER 27.

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3. TOLBERT RECEIVED OPEN-ENDED INVITATION FROM GOVERNOR DAVID BOREN IN MID-1975 TO VISIT OKLAHOMA. TOLBERT ACCEPTED INVITATION IN PRINCIPLE AND WOULD NOW LIKE TO TIE IT IN WITH STATE VISIT. BOREN PROPOSED THAT TOLBERT RESIDE IN GOVERNOR'S MANSION, VISIT A CATTLE RANCH, ARKANSAS RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND TALK WITH BLACK AND BUSINESS LEADERS OF OKLAHOMA, INCLUDING THOSE WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS IN LIBERIA. BOREN APPARENTLY OFFERED HOST STATE DINNER.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS INDICATED THAT TOLBERT WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE TIME "TO GRASP SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL" AND "TO RELATE TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY."

5. POSSIBLE SEPTEMBER 14 INFORMAL VISIT BY TOLBERT TO MEXICO CITY IS APPARENTLY NO LONGER UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

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